

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
RON DEMBO, ET AL. ) : Examiner: NYA  
Application No.: NYA ) : Group Art Unit: NYA  
Filed: March 20, 2001 ) :  
For: RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, ) : March 20, 2001  
DISTRIBUTED FRAMEWORK :  
AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

[This application is a continuation  
of Appln. No. 09/323,680, filed  
June 2, 1999]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:Page 1

Line 1, insert --This application is a  
continuation of Appln. No. 09/323,680, filed June 2, 1999--.

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